Another question was raised by Mr. Narayana Pillai and Mr. Kumara Pillai, *i. e*, what the expenditure on pensions to European officers in the State amount to. I am not in a position to give that information now. But I may assure the House that the expenditure on pensions to European officers is only a very small portion of the total amount of pension that Government pay. I can furnish the House with correct information if I have time.

MR. G. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: Will the Financial Secretary be able to tell us what portion of Rs. 6·5 lakhs goes as pension to the superior services?

MR. K. GEORGE: I have collected the information, but I have not got it before me now.

So, Sir, I still adhere to the view that, in the best interests of the State, efficient officers should be retained in the public service and that Government should have the discretion to keep on officers so long as they are efficient. Every safeguard is taken both by Government and heads of departments who have to deal with the officers subordinate to them to see that only efficient officers are retained by both. I think that discretion is safe in the hands of Government, and I, therefore, oppose the resolution.

PRESIDENT: Mr. Kumara Pillai, I take it that you press this resolution to a division.

MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI: Yes, Sir.

The resolution was put to the vote and lost, 19 voting *for* and 20 *against*.

MR. K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: I think this includes the President's vote also.

PRESIDENT: Yes.

COMMITTEE FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENTS TO STANDING ORDERS.

PRESIDENT: On the subject of the Select Committee which is to sit for the consideration of the draft amendment to Standing Order No. 6, clause (2) I would inform the House that, at the election held under the presidency of the Deputy President, the following members were elected:

Mr. G. Paramesvaran Pillai;
„ K. Paramesvaran Pillai;
„ T. K. Velu Pillai;
„ N. Kumaran;
„ J. John Nidiry; and
„ K. P. Raman Pillai.

The House will now rise and meet again at half-past eleven to-morrow.

The Council adjourned at 5-7 P. M.

S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR,
Secretary to the Legislative Council.

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